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SUBJ: ESSO CONCESSION IN LIBYA - MALTA DISPUTED AREA

REF: TRIPOLI 430

1. ESSO IS BEGGING TO NEGOTIATE WITH LARG PETROLEUM MINISTRY ON DETAILS OF APRIL 16 "AGREEMENT OF PRINCIPLES" FOR COMPANY'S OFFSHORE CONCESSION. BOTH PARTIES ARE AWARE PART OF CONCESSION AREA IS IN DISPUTE BETWEEN LIBYA AND MALTA. THREE MONTHS AGO LARG OFFICIALS DISCOUNTED POTENTIAL PROBLEM STATING THERE WOULD SOON BE MEDIAN LINE SETTLEMENT. DESPITE SUCH OPTIMISM ESSO NATURALLY INTENDS TO PROTECT ITSELF BY HAVING AGREEMENT SPELL OUT LIMITS ON ITS OBLIGATIONS IN DISPUTED AREA.

2. TO DO THIS COMPANY WISHES TO SPECIFY IN ITS AGREAMENT AREA IN DISPUTE. THIS IT CANNOT DO WITHOUT INFO ON EXTENT OF MALTA'S CLAIM IN PARTICULAR LAREA OF INTEREST. ESSO DOES NOT HAVE THIS INFO, AND COMPANY NEGOTIATORS HAVE ASKED IF DEPT COULD PROVIDE HELPFUL DATA FOR THIS PURPOSE. (ACCORDING TO OUR FILES EXXON VP GREENWALD GAVE DEPT. MAY 3 SPECIFICS OF NEW CONCESSION AREA.)
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3. RECOMMEND WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIT ESSO IN ORDER
TO HELP IT AVOID POSSIBLE FUTURE DIFFICULTIES ON THIS ISSUE
WITH EITHER LARG OR MALTA GOVT OR BOTH.
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